

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

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1. An oral device comprising:

a mouthpiece member, the mouthpiece member being of a resilient material and adapted to fit within the contours of the teeth of a wearer;

10 a tube member, the tube member being affixed, at a first end, to the mouthpiece member and extending outward from the mouthpiece member towards the soft palate of the mouth of the wearer; and

an attachment member, the attachment member being attached to the mouthpiece member at at least one location;

15 whereby the tube member defines an opening, the opening preventing the collapse of the soft palate of the wearer by allowing for the free transfer of air between the wearer and the environment.

2. The oral device of Claim 1, wherein the mouthpiece member is individually tailored to fit the wearer.

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3. The oral device of Claim 1, further comprising a cushion member disposed on a second end of the tube member, the second end of the tube member being opposite the first end of the tube member.

25 4. The oral device of Claim 1, wherein the tube member comprises an adjustable length to adequately fit the size of the mouth of the wearer.

5. The oral device of Claim 1, wherein the attachment member is comprised of a resilient material.

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6. An oral device comprising:
  - a mouthpiece member, the mouthpiece member being of a resilient material and adapted to fit within the contours of the teeth of a wearer;
  - a tube member, the tube member being affixed, at a first end, to the mouthpiece member and extending outward from the mouthpiece member towards the soft palate of the mouth of the wearer;
  - a palate member, the palate member extending from a second end of the tube member and curved upwards to maintain contact with the soft palate of the wearer, the second end of the tube member being opposite the first end of the tube member;
- 5 and
  - an attachment member, the attachment member being attached to the mouthpiece member at at least one location;
  - whereby the tube member defines an opening, the opening preventing the collapse of the soft palate of the wearer by allowing for the free transfer of air between
- 10 the wearer and the environment.
7. The oral device of Claim 6, wherein the mouthpiece member is individually tailored to fit the wearer.
- 20 8. The oral device of Claim 6, further comprising a cushion member disposed on a second end of the tube member, the second end of the tube member being opposite the first end of the tube member.
9. The oral device of Claim 6, wherein the palate member comprises an adjustable length to adequately fit the size of the mouth of the wearer.
- 25 10. The oral device of Claim 6, wherein the attachment member is comprised of a resilient material.

11. The oral device of Claim 6, wherein the palate member does not extend past the teeth of the wearer and allows for air to be dispersed throughout the whole of the oral cavity of the wearer.

- 5           12. An oral device comprising:  
                a mouthpiece member, the mouthpiece member being of a resilient material and adapted to fit within the contours of the teeth of a wearer;  
                a tube member, the tube member being affixed, at a first end, to the mouthpiece member and extending outward from the mouthpiece member towards the  
10       soft palate of the mouth of the wearer;  
                a palate member, the palate member extending from a second end of the tube member and curved upwards to maintain contact with the soft palate of the wearer, the second end of the tube member being opposite the first end of the tube member;  
                a tongue member, the tongue member extending from the second end of  
15       the tube member and curved downwards to maintain contact with the tongue of the wearer; and  
                an attachment member, the attachment member being attached to the mouthpiece member at at least one location;  
                whereby the tube member defines an opening, the opening preventing the  
20       collapse of the soft palate of the wearer by allowing for the free transfer of air between the wearer and the environment.

13. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the mouthpiece member is individually tailored to fit the wearer.

- 25           14. The oral device of Claim 12, further comprising a cushion member disposed on a second end of the tube member, the second end of the tube member being opposite the first end of the tube member.

15. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the palate member comprises an adjustable length to adequately fit the size of the mouth of the wearer.

16. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the tongue member comprises an 5 adjustable length to adequately fit the size of the mouth of the wearer.

17. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the attachment member is comprised of a resilient material.

10 18. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the palate member does not extend past the teeth of the wearer and allows for air to be dispersed throughout the whole of the oral cavity of the wearer.

15 19. The oral device of Claim 12, wherein the tongue member does not extend past the teeth of the wearer and allows for air to be dispersed throughout the whole of the oral cavity of the wearer.